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SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON SIGNIFICANT USG CLAIMS
AGAINST FOREIGN GOVTS: GREECE

REF: A. STATE A-2021; B. 73 STATE A-7514;
C. 73 STATE 10385

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED REF A ON APR 28, THE DEADLINE FOR
REPLY. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED IS
READILY AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY IN REF B
WHICH DISCUSSES \$4.5 MILLION USG ESTIMATE OF GREEK LEND-
LEASE ACCOUNT, AND, IF THIS IS RELEVANT TO REPORT UNDER
PREPARATION, IN REF C ON \$18.8 MILLION CLAIM FOR US
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED GREEK FORCES IN KOREA.

2. WITH RESPECT ITEMS 5 AND 6 OF QUESTIONNAIRE IN REF
A, US HAS NOT TAKEN RECENT INITIATIVE ON THIS ISSUE.
POLITICAL INSTABILITY OF 1973 AND 1974 POSED SERIOUS
OBSTACLE. SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS, I.E. RECENT REESTABLISH-
MENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, STRAINING OF OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS DUE TO THE CYPRUS CRISIS, DELICATE BASE
NEGOTIATIONS AND GREEK BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS,
HAVE LED TO US PROPOSALS FOR SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE DURING 1976-80. ATTEMPT
TO PRESS CLAIMS AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL
TO EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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